REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) No such proposal is pending for consideration in the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government had established an Expert Group for Computerisation of the Information on Personnel and Citizen Services. The recommendations of the Expert Group are being implemented and the progress reviewed by a High Powered Committee under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary. The Planning Commission has also advised all Ministries/Departments to earmark 1—3% of their outlay for use of information technology in Government.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

कमजोर वर्गों के लिए कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा

3270. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र:** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आजकल कम्प्यूटर रोज़गार का सबसे बड़ा साधन बन गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार निर्धन एवं कमजोर वर्गों के शिक्षित और बेरोज़गार युवाओं को कम्प्यूटर की अच्छी शिक्षा सस्ती दरों/शुल्क पर मुहैय्या कराने हेतु कोई कार्यक्रम चला रही है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो सरकार इस संबंध में कोई योजना कब तक बनाएगी?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा वित्त (बैंकिंग, राजस्व और बीमा) मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० जनार्दनन): (क) से (ग) इलेक्ट्रॉनिक एवं सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी के क्षेत्र में रोज़गार के अवसर बढ़ रहे हैं। इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी विभाग, भारत सरकार की इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी विभाग-कम्प्यूटर पाठ्यक्रमों की मान्यता (डीओईएसीसी) संस्था द्वारा अनौपचारिक क्षेत्र (सार्वजनिक तथा निजी दोनों ही) में मान्यता प्राप्त संस्थानों के माध्यम से गरीब एवं कमजोर वर्गों के शिक्षित एवं बेरोज़गार युवाओं को कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा प्रदान की जा रही है। इस संस्था ने अखिल भारतीय तकनीकी शिक्षा परिषद (एआईसीटीई) के साथ एक समझौता पत्र पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं। पूरे देश में अखिल भारतीय तकनीकी शिक्षा परिषद द्वारा मान्यता प्राप्त पॉलीटेक्नीकों के माध्यम से भी कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा प्रदान की जा रही है। देश के कुल 1135 पॉलीटेक्नीकों में से 421 पालीटेक्नीक कम्प्यूटर विज्ञान अनुप्रयोग एवं इंजीनियरी में डिप्लोमा तथा 35 पॉलीटेक्नीक स्नातकोत्तर डिप्लोमा प्रदान कर रहे हैं।

(घ) यह प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Shimla Agreement

3271. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that already there is a no-war clause in Simla Agrement signed between India and Pakistan;

(b) whether there is any bearing of the above agreement on the proposal of no-first-use treaty; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Inida and Pakistan resolved, in the Simla Agreement, to settle their differences by peaceful means, maintain harmonius relations and respect each other's territorial integrity. India and Pakistan had also agreed to refrain from threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of each other.

India has consistently upheld the letter and spirit of the Simla Agreement. India's offer to discuss a No First Use of Nuclear Weapon Agreement with Pakistan is within this framework.

Transfer of Russian Missiles from China to Pakistan

3272. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Russian missiles may find their way to Pak from China", as

reported in the Hindustan Times, dated 28th April, 1998;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to such deal;

(c) whether Government propose to raise such issues in the international fora to defuse tension; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government are aware of the ongoing military cooperation between Russia and China including the sale of some ships which have the capacity to carry supersonic anti-ship missiles SSN-22.

Government are also aware of the transfer of missiles and missile technology from China to Pakistan. Our concern about such transfers are well-known and have been conveyed in our bilateral discussions with various countries.

Visit of American Senators to India

3273. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the two American Senators who recently visited India met the Prime Minister; and

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held in their meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) US Senators Brownback and Charles Robb visited India on June 28, 1998. The Senators met with Prime Minister and other leader and held discussions on bilateral, regional and global issues in the context of the recent nuclear tests conducted by India and Pakistan.

Security Council's Plea to Curb Nuclear Weapons

3274. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UN Security Council has unanimously urged India and Pakistan to halt nuclear weapon programmes;

(b) if so, in what precise terms and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether the Security Council also reminded the nuclear weapon States of their responsibility to renew efforts to curb nuclear weapons, including those in their arsenals; and if so, what is the P-5 response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMAIT VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Security Council called upon India and Pakistan immediately to stop their nuclear weapon development programmes, to refrain from weaponisation or from the deployment of nuclear weapons, to cease development of ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons and any further production of fissile material for nuclear weapons. The Government in it reponse has stated that the Security Council Resolution was coereive and unhelpful.

(c) Yes, Sir. However, the P-5 countries have not agreed to work for gloal nuclear disarmament in a time-bound framework.

Statement of Former Chief Minister of J and K

3275. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported statement of the former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Shri G.M. Shah, appearing